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WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Kim Marie Thorburn, MD, MPH, Chair

RE: **NEWBORN CYSTIC FIBROSIS SCREENING, CHAPTER 246-650 WAC**

Background and Summary

At the October 2005 Board meeting, I invited Dr. Thomas Locke, former Board Chair; Dr. Maxine Hayes, State Health Officer; and Mike Glass, Director of the Washington State Newborn Screening Program, to talk about the recommendations from the cystic fibrosis advisory committee. At that meeting, the Board passed a motion requesting that DOH continue the rule making process that would add cystic fibrosis to the list of preventable heritable disorders leading to developmental disabilities or physical defects in Chapter 246-650 WAC.

On November 2, the Board filed a CR-102 Proposed Rule Making, which proposed language (attached). It appeared in the Washington State Register as WSR 05-22-126. Today, the Board will hold the formal public hearing on this proposed rule change. Mike Glass will review public comment received and describe how these comments are addressed within the proposed rule. The Board will then hear public testimony.

Board Action Recommended

Depending on testimony offered and the Board's own discussions, the Board may choose to consider, amend if necessary, or adopt the following motion:

Motion: The Board adopts the revised Chapter 246-650 WAC as published in WSR 05-22-129.